

**Задания школьного этапа
Всероссийской олимпиады школьников по английскому языку
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7-8 классы**

PART 1 (15 minutes)

READING (10 points)

**TASK 1. Read the following text. Match the sentences a-f to the gaps 1-5.
There is one extra sentence.**

- a However, with a bit of luck and a lot of determination, they managed to organise it.
- b They have also met some wonderful people and been surprised by people's generosity.
- c However, they didn't settle down like most couples.
- d Their achievements are an inspiration to everyone they meet.
- e They hope to raise money for them from sponsorship and donations.
- f They have had some adventures and faced some dangerous situations.

Riding the world

At first sight, James and Ellen Hamilton seem like an ordinary couple. They met in 1998 and James asked Ellen out soon after. They dated for three years and got married in 2001. ¹ ____ They'd always loved travelling and motorbikes so a few years later they decided to set off on a five-year trip around the world by motorbike. Although they had both been on bike trips before, neither of them had ever done anything on this scale.

² ____ . In 2004 they set off on the trip and they have been travelling since then. They left from Scotland and their final destination is New Zealand. So far they have visited over sixty countries in Europe, South and North America, Africa, the Arab World, and Asia. They have ridden through deserts and over mountains.

³ ____ In Bolivia they were caught in a terrible storm in the mountains. Exhausted and freezing, they almost drove off the road. In one country they were escorted by soldiers to the border for their own protection.

⁴ ____ On their first night in Hungary, the owners of the campsite where they had arranged to stay invited them to dinner. In Turkmenistan, they were invited to tea and dinner with a family in their house. In Kenya, they were invited to stay with some people they had only just met. And these are only a few examples. As James says, 'It just goes to show how true the saying is – there are no strangers, just friends you haven't met yet.'

Their trip is not just about pleasure. They have three charities that they support - Action Aid, Oxfam and the British Heart Foundation. ⁵ ____ During their trip they have visited some of Action Aid's projects. Ellen had worked with the charity before the trip and was particularly interested in seeing the projects at first hand.

B. Read the text again. Mark these statements as TRUE, FALSE or NOT STATED.

- 6. James and Ellen had been going out together for three years before they got married.
- 7. They haven't been to any countries in Africa yet.
- 8. They almost had an accident in Bolivia because of bad weather.
- 9. They stayed with friends they had known for a long time in Kenya.
- 10. James didn't visit the Action Aid project.

PART 2 (40 minutes)

Use of English (16 points)

TASK 2. For questions 1-6 read the text below and fill in the gaps with the linking words or phrases A – G from the box. There is one extra word in the box.

(A) On the other hand (B) To sum up (C) However
(D) In contrast (E) In addition (F) In spite (G) To tell the truth

Exams are a fair way of testing students

Every year thousands of students take important exams which can decide their future. Students have to pass exams with satisfactory grades in order to get a place in a university. (1) _____, are exams a fair way of judging a student's ability? On the one hand, exams seem fair. The questions are the same for all students. Also, the exams are marked according to a strict scheme and usually by more than one examiner.

(2) _____, students do the exams at the same time and under the same conditions. (3) _____, there are some drawbacks with exams. Although deserving to pass, some students might be so nervous on the big day that they make a mess of the exam. Furthermore, there may be other reasons, such as illness, which affect a student's performance in the exam. (4) _____, a system of continuous tests during the year could be introduced. (5) _____, this would mean more regular testing and more work for teachers. There would be a greater opportunity for students to copy work, too. (6) _____, exams are not the ideal way of testing students and the idea of checking students' work over a longer period is becoming more popular. Students believe the best system would be a mixture of the two – 50% exams and 50% course work.

1	2	3	4	5	6

TASK 3. Fill in the gaps. Choose the right words.

FATHERS AND SONS

Harry Redknapp and Frank Lampard played football together for West Ham football club during the 1960s. They (1) best friends and married two sisters so their sons, Frank Lampard junior and Jamie Redknapp, are (2) The boys' fathers used to take them to the football field after school and make them (3) All the hard work meant that both boys became very good (4) playing football and both have played for England like their fathers. Harry and Frank (5) playing football for West Ham in the 1980s. However, they didn't leave the club. Later, Harry became the manager of West Ham and Frank senior became assistant manager. Frank junior (6) them and played for West Ham (7) Jamie went to the other side of the country and played for Liverpool. Jamie and Frank are friends just like their fathers and (8) spending time together when they can. But they aren't married to two sisters. Jamie's wife is (9) pop star who hasn't got (10) sisters.

PART 3 (25 минут)

Writing (10 баллов)

TASK 6

You have **25** minutes to do this task.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Emily.

... We are having a Maths test tomorrow. It makes me feel scared! I would rather have three language tests instead of one Maths test. I really find learning foreign languages interesting and not difficult at all. ...

...What subject is the most difficult for you? What do you do to improve your English? What language apart from English would you like to learn and why?...

Write her a letter and answer her **3** questions.

Write **100–120** words. Remember the rules of letter writing.